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The Health Department,
The Red House,
Castle Street,
Barnstaple,
July, 1951.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Barnstaple Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you the Report upon the Public Health of the Barnstaple Rural District for the year 1950.

Your obedient Servant,
FRANK MARTIN,
Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Staff.

PART TIME OFFICER.

Medical Officer of Health : DR. F. J. H. MARTIN, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., D.P.H. Oxon.

WHOLE TIME OFFICERS.

Building Surveyor and Engineer / Chief Sanitary Inspector - A. J. DENNIS, M.R.S.I., A.I.A.S.

Additional Sanitary Inspector - F. A. LETHBRIDGE, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Second Sanitary Inspector - B. J. BUCKINGHAM, Cert. R.S.I.

Assistant Architect - C. D. SQUIRE, A.I.A.S.

Clerks - MISS C. HEARN. MISS D. PATERSON. MISS J. MACKROW.

Social Conditions.

The chief occupations of the District are :—

1. Catering for Visitors.
2. Agriculture.
3. Market Gardening.

The locality may be regarded as purely non-industrial, and employment is on the whole steady.

1950.

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Of the Medical Officer of Health for the Barnstaple Rural District.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area in Acres - - -	129,346
Population - - -	22,520
Inhabited Houses - - -	7,490
Rateable Value - - -	£126,815
Value of a Penny Rate - -	£515 1s. 2d.

Vital Statistics.

Live Births.	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate -	153	165	318
Illegitimate -	13	3	16
			334

Birth Rate per 1,000 Population 14·8.

Still Births.	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate -	3	3	6
Illegitimate -	0	0	0
			6

Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births 15·0.

Deaths.	Males	Females	Total
	140	158	298

Death Rate per 1,000 Population 13·2.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes.

Puerperal Fever	-	-	0
Other Maternal Causes	-	-	0

Below is appended a Table which shows the comparative figures for the Barnstaple Rural District and England and Wales.

The Local Birth and Death Rates is shown corrected by the area comparability factor.

Rate per 1000 Population			Death Rate per 1000	Infant Mortality per 1000 Live Births	
	Live Births	Still Births		Deaths under 1 year	Deaths from Diarrohea and Enteritis under 2 years
Barnstaple Rural Dist.	15·8	·26	10·5	35·9	0
England and Wales	15·8	·37	11·6	29·8	1·9

Deaths of Infants under 1 Year.

			Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	7	4	11
Illegitimate	-	-	1	0	1
					12

Rate per 1000 Live Births - - 35·9

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	-	-	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)		-	0
Deaths from Diarrhorea under 2 years of age		-	0

Causes of Death during the Year 1950.

	Males	Females
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System -	2	2
Other Forms of Tuberculosis -	0	1
Syphilitic Disease - -	1	0
Measles - - -	0	0
Whooping Cough - -	0	0
Other Infective Diseases -	1	0
Malignant Neoplasm (Stomach) -	6	1
Malignant Neoplasm (Lung) -	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm (Breast) -	0	6
Malignant Neoplasm (Uterus) -	0	3
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	7	13
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	17	21
Coronary Disease (Angina) -	22	16
Hypertension with Heart Disease -	5	3
Other Heart Disease - -	29	57
Other Circulatory Diseases -	7	7
Influenza - -	1	0
Pneumonia - -	6	5
Bronchitis - -	2	3
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	3	0
Ulcer of Duodenum - -	1	0
Hyperplasia of Prostate -	5	0
Nephritis - -	0	3
Pregnancy (Child Birth) -	0	1
Congenital Malformation -	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined Diseases	13	10
Motor Vehicle Accidents -	3	1
All other Accidents - -	4	1
Suicide - -	3	2
	140	158

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

Tuberculosis

Hawley Sanatorium, situated in the Borough, has 28 beds.

Maternity Cases

The Devon County Council is continuing to act as they did in 1949, as Agents of the Regional Hospital Board, until the Board has completed its own plans for the treatment of Maternity cases.

At the North Devon Infirmary there is a ward of 15 beds, with a fully qualified staff available for cases of doubt or difficulty.

At Bicclescombe Maternity Home, Ilfracombe, there are 20 Maternity and 4 Anti-natal beds.

There are 4 beds at Braunton Nursing Home.

During the coming year a General Practitioners Maternity Unit of 13 beds will be opened at Highfield, Victoria Road, Barnstaple.

Isolation of Infectious Diseases

There is an Infectious Diseases Joint Isolation Hospital at Bideford, which serves Barnstaple as well as other Local Authorities in North Devon. It comprises 34 beds (six of which are in observation cubicles) and 4 cots.

Smallpox

The Smallpox Hospital to which any cases of Smallpox will be sent is at Upton Pyne. Telephone to : Isolation Hospital, Whipton (Exeter 67158), and this is the same number for the Ambulance

Immunization against Diphtheria

During the year 296 children received a course of primary injections and 321 children received a reinforcing injection.

Vaccination

During the year 151 children were vaccinated against Smallpox.

General

The North Devon Infirmary, situated in Barnstaple, serves the Area, and provides modern Medical and Surgical treatment available to residents of the district.

A Blood Bank has been established at the North Devon Infirmary.

There are 123 beds for the chronic sick at the Queen Alexandra Hospital in Barnstaple.

At Braunton Nursing Home there are 4 beds for sick persons.

Laboratory Facilities

The Laboratory is situated at 7, Dix's Field, Exeter, and Dr. Moore is the Director. It is completely installed with the necessary equipment for bacteriological examinations of all kinds. Its Diagnostic and Consultative Services are available for all patients, and it undertakes the analysis of drinking water and milk.

The Service is extremely valuable, and is widely used by the Medical Practitioners.

In the near future a new Pathological Laboratory will be available at the former North Devon Dispensary, Boutport Street, Barnstaple, to serve the needs of the North Devon Area.

Clinic and Treatment Centres

V.D. Clinic

This is held at the North Devon Infirmary Annexe.

Sessions :		Females	Males
Mondays	-	4 p.m.	5-15 p.m.
Thursdays	-	4-30 p.m.	5-45 p.m.

Chest Clinic

Held at the North Devon Infirmary.

Sessions :

Tuesdays	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Clinic and X-Ray Examinations
	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	
Thursdays	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	
	2 p.m. to 4 30 p.m.	
Fridays	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	A.P. Refils
	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	

Ambulance Services

Under Section 27 of the National Health Service Act, 1944, the Local Health Authority (i.e. the Devon County Council) is responsible for the provision of an Ambulance Service and the Devon Health Committee have arranged for this to be provided through the agency of the St. John Ambulance Association. The Brigade serves the Borough and district, and

the headquarters are in Commercial Road. The staff consists of 3 paid members (full time), 20 men volunteers, and 14 volunteer nurses.

The Hospital car service, also under the Devon County Council, is available upon application to the Hospital, and the Ambulance Service is empowered to hire cars in urgent cases when the Ambulance is not necessary.

Home Helps Scheme

This is run by the W.V.S. for the Devon County Council. It covers all Barnstaple and rural areas wherever transport is available. There are 24 Home Helps in Barnstaple, and 169 cases were dealt with in 1950. Any case recommended by a Doctor, Health Visitor or District Nurse is entitled to a Home Help. The Home Helps do any work in the home normally done by the housewife. Six cases are being dealt with at the moment in looking after old people living by themselves who otherwise would have to go to a Hospital.

Professional Nursing in the Homes

There are 12 Midwives appointed by the County Council in the area, and there are also three who practice privately. The 12 County Council Midwives also officiate as District Nurses.

Disinfection of Infected Bedding and Clothing

By an arrangement with the Barnstaple Town Council all infected bedding and clothing can be disinfected in their steam disinfector.

Prevalence of Infectious Diseases.

The following Tables give particulars of the Infectious Diseases notified during the year, together with the distribution of cases and the age groups

Names of Diseases.	No. Notified.
Scarlet Fever - - -	14
Whooping Cough - - -	18
Pneumonia - - -	14
Erysipelas - - -	0
Measles - - -	96
Puerperal Pyrexia - -	0
Acute Poliomyelitis - -	6
Ophthalmia Neonatorium - -	0
Diphtheria - - -	0
Food Poisoning - - -	2
Paratyphoid Fever - - -	3
Dysentery - - -	7
	160

Tuberculosis—New Cases.

During the year 16 fresh cases of Tuberculosis were notified in accordance with the regulation.

Age Periods.	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 to 5 years -	0	0	0	1
5 to 10 years -	0	0	2	1
10 to 15 years -	0	0	0	1
15 to 25 years -	2	1	0	0
25 to 35 years -	0	0	0	0
35 to 45 years -	1	1	0	0
45 to 55 years -	0	2	0	0
55 to 65 years -	1	0	0	0
65 and over -	1	0	0	0
Age unknown -	1	0	1	0
Totals	6	4	3	3

Infectious Diseases (continued.)

Distribution of Cases.

Braunton	-	-	3
Combe Martin	-	-	3
Fremington	-	-	2
Georgeham	-	-	1
Goodleigh	-	-	2
Landkey	-	-	1
Mortehoe	-	-	3
West Down	-	-	1
		Total	16

Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis.

During the year 1950 six cases of Acute Poliomyelitis occurred in your district all of which were paralytic.

I desire to thank Mr. Marshall Wright and Mr. Dennis for their help to me.

Your obedient Servant,

F. J. H. MARTIN.

Infectious Diseases—Age Periods

	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Total
Scarlet Fever				3	2	1	1		1	1		1	1								3	14
Diphtheria																						
Whooping Cough	1	1	2	4	2	2	3	2	1													18
Measles	2	4	10	7	12	7	11	5	11	6	8	2	4	1	2	1		1			2	96
Poliomyelitis			1				3														2	6
Pneumonia							1							1							12	14
Paratyphoid				1	1											1						3
Erysipelas																						—
Food Poisoning						1															1	2
Dysentery				1			1	1				1		1	1		1					7
TOTALS -	3	5	13	16	17	11	20	8	13	7	8	4	5	3	3	2	1	1	—	—	20	160

Distribution of Infectious Diseases Cases Notified during 1950.

	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Whooping Cough	Measles	Poliomyelitis	Paratyphoid	Pneumonia	Food Poisoning	Dysentry	Total
Arlington ...				2						2
Ashford ...				4	1					5
Atherington ..	1						1			2
Berrynarbor ...										-
Bishop's Tawton ...	1									1
Bittadon ..										-
Bratton Fleming ...				18						18
Braunton ..			1	1	1		1		1	5
Brendon ...										-
Challacombe ...				20						20
Combe Martin ...				1						1
Countisbury ..										-
East Down ...										-
Fremington ..	3		3	6	3		3		3	21
Georgeham ..				3				1	1	5
Goodleigh ..	2						2	1		5
Heanton Punchardon				1						1
High Bray ..				8						8
Horwood ...										-
Instow ..	3		7	2	1					13
Kentisbury ...				10						10
Landkey ...							2		1	3
Loxhore ...										-
Martinhoe ...										-
Marwood ...	2									2
Mortehoe ...				8		3				11
Newton Tracey ...										-
Parracombe ...										-
Pilton West ...									1	1
Shirwell ...				2						2
Stoke Rivers ...				7						7
Swimbridge ...				1			1			2
Tawstock ...	1		2				4			7
Trentishoe ...				1						1
West Down ...				1						1
Westleigh ...	1		5							6
Total ...	14		18	96	6	3	14	2	7	160

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR, ENGINEER, AND BUILDING SURVEYOR.

The Red House,
Castle Street,
Barnstaple,
June, 1951

To the Chairman and Members of
The Barnstaple Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present my fifth Annual Report of work carried out during 1950.

General.

The area of your district is 129,346 acres, with an estimated population of 22,520.

This number is increased very considerably during the summer months by the influx of holiday visitors. It is impossible to ascertain the actual increase, but it is safe to assume it to be threefold during July and August. I am now informed that agriculture, which has always been the principal industry of the area, must take second place to catering for summer visitors, who are coming to North Devon in increasing numbers annually to enjoy the miles of golden sands, grandeur of the rugged coast, the moorland and open spaces, and the shopping facilities offered by the major towns of North Devon.

It does not necessarily follow that this increase brings added business to the hotels. As the tourist with caravan or tent is becoming more and more evident every year a survey

of the number of persons spending their holidays in caravans or under canvas was carried out during the period immediately preceding and following August Bank Holiday last year, and it was proved that more attention will have to be paid to the provision of adequate camping sites throughout the area to cope with the extra demand.

Many of the centres of population are still without water or sewerage systems, and despite the efforts of the North Devon Water Board, in providing piped water supplies, and yourselves in providing adequate sewerage and sewage disposal facilities, it will be very many years before all the villages are provided with these essential services.

During the year the North Devon Water Board have inaugurated the Wistlandpound Reservoir scheme which will supply water to North Devon. It is impossible to assess the benefits that will be derived when this scheme is in operation.

The laying of water mains has also progressed steadily, and it is hoped that the Georgeham and Croyde schemes will be completed early in the New Year.

The provision of sewerage systems in many parts of your area is an urgent matter, and it is with satisfaction that I am able to report the commencement and steady progress of the sewerage scheme to serve Bickington, Fremington and Yelland, which will do much to alleviate the serious conditions prevailing there. It is to be hoped that permission to include Hele Manor and Instow in this scheme will not be long withheld.

The Woolacombe holding tanks and sea outfall was put into operation on the 21st March last, and although minor difficulties have been experienced during the summer months it is hoped that as a result of this installation complaints of contamination of the sea shore by sewage will soon be a thing of the past. Experiments have been carried out during the

winter months to overcome complaints of smell and the deposit of sewage on the foreshore at certain stages of wind and tide, and I hope to be able to report at a later date that these difficulties have been overcome.

Plans have been prepared for an extension of the existing sewerage system at Woolacombe to serve a site near Mortehoe Station and will shortly be submitted to the Ministry of Health for approval.

The preparation of a sewerage scheme for West Down has been completed and submitted to the various Authorities for their approvals after which the Ministry of Health will be asked for permission to proceed.

The preparation of a scheme for the village of Landkey has commenced and it is hoped to have it ready for submission during the coming summer.

Due to the exposed position of some of your sea outfalls maintenance costs will continue to be high, and considerable work has had to be carried out during the past winter to the outfalls at Grunta and Rockham in the Parish of Mortehoe, and Lester Point at Combe Martin.

Due probably to the high rainfall recently and to the fact that land is steadily becoming saturated with sewage, a large number of complaints of overflowing septic tanks and cesspools have been received during the past year. It was hoped that the Council would operate its own cesspool emptying service, but the proposal for this was not acceptable.

However a private firm is now operating in the area and assisting greatly in the abatement of these nuisances.

Sewer extensions have been carried out to housing sites as follows :—

Bishop's Tawton.	Bratton Fleming.	Braunton.
Combe Martin.	Fremington.	Swimbridge.

POLLUTION OF RIVERS AND STREAMS.

Every care is taken to see that no additional sources of contamination arise, but pollution of rivers and streams will continue until all the sewerage schemes required have been provided.

Public Cleansing.

This department is now collecting refuse as follows :—

Parish	Period
Braunton	Weekly
Combe Martin	Weekly. Twice weekly during Summer months
Fremington	Fortnightly
Georgeham and Croyde	Fortnightly
Berrynarbor	Fortnightly
Tawstock (Sticklepath)	Fortnightly
Tawstock Village and Hamlets	Monthly
West Down	Monthly
Newton Tracey	Monthly
Horwood	Monthly
Landkey	Monthly
Ashford	Monthly
Swimbridge	Monthly
Cobbaton	Every Two Months
Parracombe	Monthly
Martinhoe	Monthly
Blackmoor Gate	Monthly
Kentisbury	Monthly
Bratton Fleming	Monthly
Shirwell	Every Eight Weeks
Heanton Punchardon	Fortnightly
Nethercott—Upcott—Lobb	Monthly
Goodleigh	Monthly
Brendon	Monthly
Boode and Winsham	Monthly
Loxhore	Every Three Months

Parish.	Period
Little Silver, Whitehall, Middle Marwood, Milltown, Muddiford, Prixford, Guineaford, Kingsheanton, Bittadon, and East Down - -	Once every 3 Months

Refuse is also collected during the Summer months from the Saunton Hotel, Army Camps, and the N.A.L.G.O. Holiday Centre at Croyde. These collections are in addition to the normal Parish collections, and are charged for as Trade Refuse.

Private Contractors collect the refuse in the undermentioned Parishes :—

Instow - - -	Twice Weekly
Mortehoe and Woolacombe - -	Twice Weekly
Bishop's Tawton	Fortnightly (Village), Quarterly (Hamlets)
Atherington - - -	Monthly
Westleigh - - -	Bi-Monthly

As from April 1st next the private Contract for Mortehoe and Woolacombe and for Atherington will cease, and the work will be undertaken by this department.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

The total number of Inspections, Re-visits, and Interviews during the year was 4,548. Made up as follows :—

Visits re Infectious Diseases - - -	55
Water Supplies - - - -	147
Sewers - - - -	503
Number of Drains Inspected and Tested - -	351
Housing Repairs - - - -	403
Housing Act Inspections - - -	94
Inspections and Surveys in connection with the Council's New Housing Programme - -	754
Building Licence Inspections, Planning and Re-visits under the control of Civil Building Defence Regulations 56A - - - -	236
Interviews in connection with the Council's New Housing Programme - - - -	679

Inspection of Food Premises - - -	111
Ice Cream Premises - - -	43
Milk Retailers - - - -	18
Public Cleansing - - - -	61
Inspections under the Petroleum Acts - -	4
Public Health Act Inspections, Nuisances, etc. -	324
Bakehouses - - - -	15
Rodent Control - - - -	77
Factories, Workplaces, Shops - - -	151
Public Conveniences - - -	72
Tents, Vans, Sheds, and Camping Sites - -	49
Schools - - - -	5
Visits to Refuse Tips - - -	47
Public Houses - - - -	7
Number of Council and Committee Meetings attended -	260
Number of Complaints received during the Year -	72
Nuisances reported to the Council - -	10

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Two operators are now engaged full time on the destruction of rats and other pests. They apply systematic control throughout the area, including the Council's sewers and refuse tips.

Disposal of Carcases deposited on the Foreshore

A considerable number of animal carcases are deposited around the foreshore from time to time, and while some may have accidentally fallen over cliffs I am of the opinion that the majority have been deposited in the Rivers as the easiest means of disposal. It is very difficult to stop this practice because it is impossible to find the owners, and it would appear that publicity is the only satisfactory means to achieve the object of pointing out to the persons concerned the danger to public health they are causing.

Total Notices Served (as under):—

Public Health Act, 1936 - -	3
Housing Acts - -	2

Swimming Pools

The only Swimming Pool in the district is situated on the seashore at Berrynarbor and is privately owned. Conditions are satisfactory since the pool is covered by every tide.

Offensive Trades

Bye-laws are in operation for the control of Offensive Trades. There are two in the district :—

1. Tannery at Swimbridge.
2. Gut Scraping Premises at Pilton West.

Underground Sleeping Rooms

There is no need for Regulations in this area in respect of underground sleeping rooms.

Tents, Vans, and Sheds

Bye-laws are in force relating to the above.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938

Inspections are made of Food Premises throughout the district from time to time and improvements have been called for where necessary. There has been no need for Statutory action during the year.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

During the year 1950 the undermentioned articles of Food were voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption :—

Beef	-	-	134 lbs. 6 ozs.
Pork	-	-	30 lbs.
Corned Beef	-	-	6 lbs.
Beef Loaf	-	-	12 ozs.
Pork Sausage	-	-	1 lb.
Pork Brawn	-	-	4 lbs. 6 ozs.
Luncheon Meat	-	-	66 lbs. 12 ozs.
Meat and Gravy	-	-	7 lbs. 8 ozs.

Stewed Steak	-	-	2 lbs. 13 ozs.
Veal and Ham Loaf		-	1 lb. 2 ozs.
Meat Soup	-	-	15½ ozs.
Tomato Soup	-	-	29 lbs. 10 ozs.
Chicken	-	-	12 No.
Smoked Haddock		-	4 stone
Plaice	-	-	2 stone
Dabs	-	-	2 stone
Cod	-	-	5 stone
Pilchards	-	-	3 lbs 12 ozs.
Salmon	-	-	7 lbs. 4¾ ozs.
Fish Paste	-	-	3½ ozs.
Crab Meat	-	-	6½ ozs.
Sardines	-	-	5 lbs. 14 ozs.
Tomato Ketchup	-	-	7 ozs.
Salad Cream	-	-	6½ ozs.
Milk (tinned)	-	-	11 tins
Marmalade Pudding		-	10½ ozs.
Jam	-	-	5 lbs.
Spinach	-	-	3 lbs. 5 ozs.
Turnips	-	-	1 lb. 3 ozs.
Beetroot	-	-	40 lbs. 13 ozs.
Peas	-	-	26 lbs. 3 ozs.
Carrots	-	-	17 lbs. 2½ ozs.
Dried Beans	-	-	193 lbs.
Rhubarb	-	-	2 lbs.
Tomatoes	-	-	13 lbs. 1½ ozs.
Apple	-	-	1 lb. 13 ozs.
Damsons	-	-	1 lb. 13 ozs.
Apricots	-	-	6 lbs. 4 ozs.
Peaches	-	-	1 lb. 13 oz.
Pears	-	-	3 lbs. 10 ozs.
Greengages	-	-	3 lbs. 10 ozs.
Cherries	-	-	4 lbs. 4 ozs.
Plums	-	-	223 lbs. 10 ozs.

Milk Sampling.

Milk samples have been taken from time to time from retail distributors.

Ice Cream.

Regular inspections of Ice Cream premises were carried out. 19 premises have been registered. 24 samples were taken, 13 satisfactory and 11 unsatisfactory. All unsatisfactory results were followed up and the necessary action taken.

Water.

41 Water Samples were taken, 20 of which proved satisfactory. Advice was given in all cases of unsatisfactory results in an endeavour to effect an improvement.

Farm Water Supplies.

Several Farm Water Supplies were investigated at the request of the Agricultural Executive Committee during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937—PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector.)

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/c line No (7)
			Inspections (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)	
(a) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities - -	1	65	123	Nil	Nil	1
(b) Factories not included in (1) to which Section 7 applies						
(a) Subject to the Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement) Order, 1938 -	2	2	5	Nil	Nil	2
(b) Others - -	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3
(c) Other premises under the Act excluding outworker' premises -	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	4
Total -		67	128	Nil	Nil	

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	M/c line No (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)	M/c line No. (8)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred To H M. Inspector (5)	Referred By H M Inspector (6)		
Want of cleanliness (S.1.) - -	5						5
Overcrowding (S.2.) - -	6						6
Unreasonable temperature (S 3.) -	7						7
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.) - -	8						8
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.) -	9						9
Sanitary conveniences (S.7.) - -							
(a) Insufficient - -	10						10
(b) Unsuitable or defective -	11						11
(c) Not separate for sexes -	12						12
Other offences (not including offences relating to homework) -	13						13
Total -		3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111) - - 17.

BUILDING SURVEYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Red House,
Castle Street,
Barnstaple,
June, 1951.

To the Chairman and Members of the
BARNSTAPLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present the following Report on the activities of the Building Surveyor's Department during the year 1950.

As will be seen from the Summary of Inspections in the Sanitary Inspector's Report, 679 interviews were given in connection with your Housing Programme. The greater part of this work fell upon the staff of this department, as also did the mass of records and reports that have to be made to various Government Departments from time to time.

Building Licences 1950.

Housing Repairs

No. of Licences granted - -	29
Total cost - - -	£6,785

Re-instatement

No. of Licences granted - -	2
Total cost - - -	£630

Conversions, Adaptations and Additions

No. of Licences granted - -	35
No. of additional family units provided -	15
Total cost - - -	£14,307

New Dwellings

No. of Licences granted (includes 7 temporary Dwellings) - -	11
Total cost - - -	£10,727

Post-War Housing Programme.

I can only repeat the remarks made in my Report to you last year in that although considerable progress has been maintained the waiting list of applicants for houses appears to grow steadily.

The following Table gives the housing position at the end of the year :—

Parish	Houses completed up to Dec. 31st, 1950	Houses under construction at Dec 1950, but not completed
Berrynarbor	4	4
Bishop's Tawton	12	—
Bratton Fleming	4	4
Braunton	56	—
Combe Martin	37	—
Fremington	45	8
Georgeham	—	4
Heanton Punchardon	16	—
Instow	6	—
Landkey	4	—
Martinhoe	4	—
Marwood	4	—
Mortehoe	18	—
Parracombe	4	—
Shirwell	—	8
Swimbridge	—	12
West Down	8	—
Westleigh	8	—
Totals	230*	40

* These figures do not include the houses at Blackmoor Gate (Kentisbury), nor do they include the Wartime Agricultural Cottages at Shirwell.

Housing Applications.

The following Table gives the number of Applicants on each Parish Housing List as at 31st December, 1950.

Referring to my Report under "Post - War Housing Programme," it is difficult to understand why the housing list should still increase, bearing in mind the number of houses you have erected. I have therefore arranged for every applicant to be asked to state whether or not he wishes to stay on the list, and I am sure this will result in a considerable reduction. I shall then arrange for the list to be amended annually.

Parish.	No. of Applicants
Arlington	2
Ashford	3
Atherington	2
Berrynarbor	12
Bishop's Tawton	55
Bittadon	—
Bratton Fleming	13
Braunton	190
Brendon	4
Challacombe	—
Combe Martin	62
Countisbury	—
East Down	—
Fremington	178
Georgeham	33
Goodleigh	4
Heanton Punchardon	20
High Bray	3
Horwood	—
Instow	47
Kentisbury	7
Landkey	13

Housing Applications—(contd.)

Parish.			No. of Applicants.
Loxhore	-	-	—
Martinhoe	-	-	1
Marwood	-	-	13
Mortehoe	-	-	28
Newton Tracey	-	-	5
Parracombe	-	-	7
Pilton West	-	-	—
Shirwell	-	-	16
Stoke Rivers	-	-	—
Swimbridge	-	-	35
Tawstock	-	-	1
Trentishoe	-	-	—
West Down	-	-	9
Westleigh	-	-	23
		Total	844

Plans.

The number of Plans dealt with by the Department shows a considerahle decrease during the year, due mainly to the fact that certain classes of work no longer require Planning Approval. 356 applications out of a total of 1,000 plans submitted by all Local Authorities in the North Devon Divisional Planning area of the Devon County Council were in respect of schemes in your area.

Details of Plans submitted.

No. approved under Bye-laws	-	190
No disapproved under Bye-laws	-	12
No. approved under Town Planning	-	288
No. disapproved under Town Planning		30
No decision given under Town Planning		4
No. withdrawn after formal submission	-	8

I wish to record my thanks to each member of the Council, the Clerk, and to all members of the Department for their support and consideration during the past year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR J. DENNIS.